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### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING February 15, 2005

*Members Present:* Ms. Mary Ellen Brock, Ms. Carolyn Ferolito, Dr. Mary Kamienski,  
Dr. Ernest Leva, Mr. Daniel Sullivan

*Members Excused:* Dr. Frank Briglia, Mr. Jesus Cepero, Dr. Frank Cunningham  
Dr. Martin Diamond, Dr. Anthony Greenberg, Dr. Alfred  
Sacchetti, Dr. Thomas Whalen

*Guests:* Dr. Joseph Jacobs, Ms. Beth Olanoff, Ms. Marilyn Kent,  
Dr. Thomas Bojko, Mairead Bevilaque, Shawn Bright,  
Marie Felcis

*Department of Health  
and Senior Services:* Ms. Karen Halupke, Dr. John Brennan,  
Ms. Nancy Kelly-Goodstein, Ms. Linda Woolverton

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ernest Leva at 10:30 a.m.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes from the November 16, 2004 meeting were not approved.

#### Chairperson's Report

- Dr. Leva expressed concerns regarding the apparent lack of standards or data on pediatric decontamination. Recommendations should be developed, and distributed to the appropriate organizations. RWJ-UH has a grant which has not yet been implemented for pediatric decontamination. Those present were asked to volunteer for a committee to do a study on this topic. Ms. Marilyn Kent volunteered.
- School Health and Preparedness. Need to confirm the availability for current grant funds.
- Pediatric standing orders. Will look at the current recommendations made in 2002, and advise OEMS of any necessary changes.

- Hospital emergency department regulatory language (NJAC 8:43G-12.3c) may need to be changed to clarify that board certified pediatric emergency physicians are exempt from the same requirements as emergency physicians (Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, etc.). Ms. Kelly-Goodstein will pass along the recommendation to John Calabria from the Department's licensing section.

#### OEMS Report:

- Conference Update:
  - May 1 and May 2, 2005
  - First session starting at 8:45 a.m.
  - Looking for all Council members to attend and assist with the introduction of speakers and to be available for questions from participants.
  - EMS Awards Dinner – Sunday, May 1, 2005
  - Looking to award continuing education credits for nurses
- Federal Grant
  - President Bush has proposed his budget for the upcoming federal fiscal year and has eliminated funding for EMSC, Trauma Programs, and the Preventative Block Grant.
  - Should the federal grant be no longer available, it would severely impact on the programs that EMSC currently offers (newsletter, school nurse in-service, EMSC conference, etc.)
  - Federal EMS Grantee Meeting is scheduled for Maryland this April. A report will be presented at the May meeting.
  - The federal EMSC program will be 20 years old this year.
- Newsletter
  - Currently, this is on hold. Suggestions for topics include the new intraosseous devices available.
- Identification Cards: OEMS has submitted a proposal for a universal ID card. Prehospital personnel will be the first group to be issued the ID cards. Each will have an expiration date and use some type of biometric safety feature. The proposal is now in Treasury awaiting approval.

- EMS Task Force. OEMS is facilitating the development of three geographically based task forces that would be available for large scale incidents. Mr. Tom Starr is responsible for the oversight of this new initiative.
  - Need to identify a pediatric physician in each of the areas to respond in the event of a large scale incident. Suggestions were made to include the following pediatric emergency physicians: Dr. Neil Schamban – Newark Beth Israel, Dr. Ceci Jacome – Monmouth Medical Center as a start. Can we secure a list from the American Academy of Pediatrics? The newly formed American College of Emergency Physicians/American Academy of Pediatrics committee may be able to assist with this project. Dr. Leva to discuss with Dr. Barbara McDevitt (current chair of ACEP/AAP Committee).
- JemTrack. This new initiative would be created using a specially designed rail car (NJ Transit) that would be available to any large scale incident occurring on or near a rail line. Requests for proposals have been distributed.
- Public School Education. Current regulations require that by the year 2007, all public school children be trained in first aid, CPR, injury prevention and the use of an AED. The regulation requires training but not certification.
- School Emergency Medical Equipment
  - EMSC has federal funds (\$100,000) from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to develop, purchase and distribute the equipment.
  - The equipment will be available should there be an emergency in NJ, as an extension of the State Strategic Stockpile. Schools are free to use materials, just need to keep the kit stocked. When school year ends need to report on what would be helpful to include in the next “version” as well as what needs to be removed.
  - CDC is very much interested in this project and is due in NJ on February 16, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. EMSC has been asked to report on this project.

- School Nurse Education:
  - Triage training was offered to school nurses. Five sessions were offered with 632 nurses attending (61 were student nurses). We now estimate that 1/3 of all school nurses have been trained in JumpSTART (Pediatric Triage).
  - There is a significant no-show rate for each of the sessions. We may opt to charge for the session to help ensure attendance. We could offer to refund the fee for those who attend. Suggestions to improve attendance would be appreciated.

### New Business

- Dr. Leva introduced Dr. Joseph Jacobs, Medical Director, Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). Dr. Jacobs has been with the Department of Human Services since November 2004. While a great deal of progress has been made, a good amount of work still remains.
  - CHEC — Comprehensive Health Examination for Children can only be conducted once a child is placed under the care of DYFS.
  - There are five regional sites in NJ for comprehensive services:
    - Hackensack
    - New Brunswick
    - Stratford
    - Newark
    - Jersey Shore
  - Ms. Beth Olanoff, Manager of Communications, Office of Child Services gave a brief overview of a number of services offered by the Department of Human Services:
    - Child welfare reform plan
    - First Priorities
    - Safety
    - Permanency
    - Well being
    - Prevention

- Since July 1, there is only one statewide hotline telephone number 1-877-NJ-ABUSE

- Working on placing one nurse in every district office.
- Cannot do anything for a child until they are under DYFS custody.
- Need Medical Consultants, along with nurses in the district
- Medicaid Manage Care for each child is a problem
- Every child needs a physical once per year

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

#### 2005 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Tuesday, August 16, 2005

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

NJ Hospital Association

760 Alexander Road

Princeton, NJ

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.